GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

GROUP OF MINISTERS – Constitution of Group of Ministers for Urban Development Policy Reforms in the State – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET) DEPARTMENT

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O R D E R:

The State of Andhra Pradesh is a developing State and urban population constitutes 30% of its total population as per 2011 census. Today urbanisation is no longer limited to large urban agglomerations such as municipal corporations, metropolitan areas and cities, but it is rapidly spreading to small and medium sized towns such as municipalities, nagar panchayats and even some rural areas. The state is likely to witness rapid and extensive urbanization which is expected to reach 43% in the next 15 years.

2. The vision of the Government is to become one among the three leading Indian States by the year 2022, and to become a developed State by the year 2029. The cities in the state are envisioned to be globally competitive cities with access to not only best in class infrastructure, education and social life but also be productive, inclusive, sustainable, smart and well- governed. The Urban Local Bodies in the State will be progressive, financially independent and innovative.

3.1. Towards realising this vision, Government intends to:

(i) develop 14 smart cities in the state that will enhance the quality of infrastructure and service delivery for its citizens. Green field new cities driven by various employment sectors (ex: industrial cities, education cities, health cities, tourism cities and so on) will be developed in and around existing urban centres with collaborations from Governments and private sector/ multinationals; and

(ii) build ten lakh affordable housing over a period of 10 years to cater to the increasing demand of quality housing in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

3.2. These measures by the State Government will have direct impact on the growth of Gross State Domestic Product and employment creation in the state. This vision and intention requires a policy direction.

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4. Government, in view of the above, and in order to provide for a new policy framework for realizing its vision, decided to constitute a Group of Ministers to make recommendations on urban development policy reforms covering the areas of policy, institutional structures, financial structures, and capacity building in Urban Local Bodies in the state and to submit recommendations to Government.

5. 1. Government, accordingly, hereby constitute a Group of Ministers with the following Cabinet Ministers :

1.	Hon'ble Minister for Finance & Planning, Commercial Taxes, Legislative Affairs	.....Chairman
2.	Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Urban Water Supply and Urban Planning	……Member
3.	Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Housing, Sanitation	……Member
4.	Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Water Supply, NREGS	……Member
5.	Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Factories, Youth & Sports, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	……Member
6.	Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources Development (Primary Education, Secondary Education, Higher &Technical Education)	……Member
7.	Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Roads and Buildings	……Member

5.2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department shall be the Convener of the above Group of Ministers. The Principal Secretary to Government, Tourism Department and Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department shall assist the above Group of Ministers.

6. The terms of reference for the committee shall be to make policy recommendations to the Government in order to realise the vision stated at paras 2 and 3, covering the following.

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6.1. Policy and Institutional Mechanism

(a) To deliberate and suggest initiatives which may be taken by Government of Andhra Pradesh for urban development to achieve its vision and objectives.

(b) Institutional structures and mechanisms to be created for better urban planning, development and management from regional and ULB area perspective. Eg. review / drafting of acts, policies, guidelines; formation of urban development authorities (UDA), Regional Development Authorities (RDA) etc.

(c) Mechanism to strengthen ULBs through capacity building (technical, financial, managerial) and enhance resources available to perform their mandated functions.

(d) Reforms and review of service delivery in line with the state vision and direction.

(e) Review on appraisal and rating of performance of Urban Local Bodies.

6.2. Planning

(a) Development assessment for better planning, implementation and management of urban areas

(b) Jurisdictional assessment of existing and new ULBs and their enhancement / up gradation to (spatial and economic base) to meet the urbanisation requirements.

(c) On matters pertaining to planning and public policy matters as deemed necessary from time to time.

6.3. Financing

(a) Fiscal conditions improvement to be carried out in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)

(b) Mechanism for raising finances from market, transfer of funds / grants from state government, revenue sharing arrangements and other transfers from central government.

(c) Review of investment program for urban development in the State & matters related to the same.

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6.4. Investments and Industrialisation

(a) To recommend policies for promotion of local industries that create Employment.

(b) Branding of cities in the State

7. The Group of Ministers shall submit its report in two months time as a policy statement on Urban Reforms and the report shall be brought before the Council of Ministers.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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